

**Director's Report**  
**Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**January 27, 2013**

1. Annual Book-A-Thon donations are still coming in; however, through December 31, the Foundation had received \$31,690 from 443 donors. Through the same time period last year, \$33,438 was received from 442 donors, indicating that the average donation is down slightly this year. We have received a check from the Foundation for \$15,845 for purchase of juvenile materials. We typically receive an addition payment in the spring for donations coming in after the new year.
2. As you know, the library started 2 new book clubs this month: Page Forward Wednesday and Page Forward Saturday. Page Forward Wednesday, reading *The Hobbit*, had 3 attendees (**Susie McIntyre** facilitating) and Page Forward Saturday, reading *Goodbye Wives and Daughters* had 6 attendees (**Debbie Stewart** facilitating).
3. Your packet contains some photos of the construction of our nine Little Free Libraries. **Pat Carroll**, a member of the Park Advisory Board, is our volunteer builder. He has also solicited donations of materials from area businesses in addition to purchases funded by the NeighborWorks grant. I will be contacting the high schools to see if the shop or art classes would be interested in sanding and painting the libraries.
4. We are in the progress of upgrading our public network bandwidth. We will be doubling the speed which will improve our patron's Internet usage experience on both the library computers and the wireless network.
5. Our first session of TedxGreatFallsLibrary was held on January 16. We had 20 people in attendance and **Susie** did a great job of facilitating some thoughtful discussion. Our next session will be February 20.
6. In addition to the change of date for our February Board meeting, there was an error on the date for the March meeting. We have included the revised meeting schedule in your packet as an action item for your approval.